ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL & ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

USE OF SCHOOL & TOWN FACILITIES

A. Policy Statement

Subject to section 54-1 et seq. of the Town Code, the Town Council and the Board of Education may permit the use of any Facility for educational or community purposes.

B. Definitions

- 1. Administrator for the school means a Principal or his or her designee; for the Town this means the Director of the Facility, or his or her designee.
- Associated Costs means, but is not limited to, fees for the services of any custodial
 personnel, field monitoring or setup personnel, utilities, supplies, security personnel or
 other personnel deemed by the responsible Administrator to be necessary in connection
 with the use of Facilities. Such costs shall be at the rates set forth in the fee schedule.
- 3. Business Day means normal hours of operation of the Facility.
- Community purpose means that which may serve or benefit the Town's residents in some manner.
- 5. Facility means, but is not limited to, any building, meeting room, conference room, athletic field, cafeteria, gymnasium, pool, park, playground, recreational area, owned or maintained by the Town of Enfield or the Enfield Board of Education.
- Non-profit means an organization recognized as such by the State of Connecticut or U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
- 7. Resident means an individual whose domicile is the Town of Enfield and shall include other legal entities located within the Town.
- 8. School Year means that period of time beginning on the first day that school is in session and ending on the last day that school is in session and includes school year vacations.

C. Establishment of Rules and Procedures

The use of any Facility for educational or community purposes shall be governed by the following rules and procedures and shall be subject to such restrictions as the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools or their designee(s) consider(s) expedient. This policy is read in conjunction with section 54-1 et seq. of the Town Code. If there is any conflict between this policy and the Town Code, the Code provisions will prevail. This policy shall not apply to the use of school buildings and/or portions therein, during the business day of the school.

Consistent with this policy, the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate Administrative Regulations and associated forms for the use of buildings and Facilities. Since the primary purpose of public school facilities is for public educational activities, including athletic events, such activities will have priority over all other requested uses of school Facilities.

D. Application Procedures

An application for use of a school Facility shall be submitted to the school Administrator during the school year. In the absence of the school Administrator, and during summer vacation, the application shall be submitted to the Town's Facilities Director.

An application for use of a Town Facility shall be submitted to the Town Administrator for the Town Facility. The Town Manager shall determine the appropriate Administrator for Town Facilities.

The application shall specify the Facility requested. All school or Town equipment shall not be used without the express written permission of the Administrator.

The school Administrator shall forward to the Town's Facilities Director each application for the use of school buildings and/or portions therein, with a recommendation, as to approval or denial. The Town's Facilities Director shall review the applications, determine the amount of fees to be collected, and forward approved requests to the School Administrator for scheduling. Approval of the use of the school Facility may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee.

The school Administrator shall forward to the Town's Facilities Director each application for the use of school grounds, including athletic fields, with a recommendation, as to approval or denial. The Town's Facilities Director shall review the application, determine the amount of fees to be collected, and forward approved requests to the Director of Public Works for final approval and scheduling. Approval of the use of the school grounds may be revoked at any time by the Town Manager or his or her designee.

The Town Administrator shall forward to the Director of Public Works each application for the use of town facilities with a recommendation as to approval or denial. The Director of Public Works shall make a final determination whether to approve the application. For those applications approved, the Director of Public Works shall determine scheduling and the amount of fees to be collected. Approval of the use of a Town Facility may be revoked at any time by the Town Manager or his or her designee.

E. Eligible Organizations and Priority of Use

Administrators responsible for reviewing and recommending requests for use of Facilities will use the following guidelines regarding priority use.

Order of Priority:

1. School Facilities

- a. School events, including educational and athletic
- b. School-sponsored events
- c. Items listed under sections 2. a., d., e., f. and g. below

2. Town Facilities

- a. Town Council, boards, commissions, agencies or departmental activities
- b. School events, including educational and athletic
- c. School-sponsored events
- d. Activities of non-profit organizations with principal offices in the Town, other than school related organizations covered by category #2b. and c. above.

- e. Activities of non-profit organizations operating within the Town, other than school related organizations covered by category #2b. and c. above.
- f. For-profit groups or organizations operating within Town.
- g. All other groups.

In the event of the cancellation of any Town or school sponsored event or activity as set forth above, due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstance, the event or activity may be rescheduled to a convenient date that may require the "bumping" of an outside organization's reservation. The outside organization shall be provided with an alternate date.

F. Restrictions on Use of Facilities

In addition to the restrictions set forth in section 54-1 et seq. of the Town Code, the restrictions below shall apply to the use of Facilities. Any violation of this Policy or any applicable Administrative Regulations may result in permanent revocation of the privilege to use Town or school Facilities by the organization and/or individuals involved.

- 1. The organization shall be responsible for any damage to equipment or buildings that occur during its use of the Facility.
- 2. Users of Facilities must designate a responsible adult supervisor to: be on site before the first participant has arrived; remain throughout the event; and not leave until after the last participant has left the Facility. Supervisors must have cell phones with them during the event.
- 3. No illegal activities are permitted.
- 4. Use or possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or unauthorized controlled substances is not permitted in or on school facilities.
- 5. Use of tobacco is not permitted within Town buildings. Unauthorized controlled substances are not permitted on Town property. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on Town property or brought into a Town building, without proper permits in place.
- 6. Refreshments may not be prepared, served or consumed without the proper approvals. If such approval is granted, refreshments may be prepared, served and consumed only in areas designated.
- 7. Advertising, decorations or materials must be approved by the Town/School Administrator.
- 8. Advertising, decorations or other materials that promote the use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- 9. Activities that are disruptive of the regular ongoing school or Town business are not permitted.
- 10. Nothing shall be sold, given, exhibited, or displayed without approval by the Administrator.
- 11. Any area deemed "off limits" shall not be used.
- 12. Town/School Administrators must make arrangements to hire uniformed police at all school events or combination of events for which traffic and parking problems may be expected. Such determination is the prerogative of the Town/School Administrator upon review of the rental application. Multiple events requiring uniformed officers shall pro-rate the cost for the uniformed officer(s) to the applicant involved on a basis to be determined by the Public Works Director for Town sites and the Facility Director for school sites.
- G. Fees and Other Costs

Users of Facilities shall be responsible for the fees and costs set out in a fee schedule as established jointly by the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools. Rental fees and/or associated costs otherwise applicable may be waived by the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools if such waiver is deemed by the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools to be in the best interest of the Town or the school, respectively. The following guidelines shall be incorporated into such fee schedule:

Fee Charged

Category	Example	Facility As Rental	ssociated Costs
School-sponsored programs	High School Football, HS Band, etc.	No	No
Activities that Further Educational Objectives of Public Schools	PTO, Booster Clubs, Safe Graduation Committees, etc.	No	No
Town Department or Agency Activity	Council, Social Services, Recreation, etc.	No	No
Non-profits with principal offices located in the Town of Enfield and athletic organizations listed on Schedule A.	Enfield Soccer Club, Ramblers, Enfield Little League Loaves and Fishes, etc.	No*	No
Non-profits with principal offices located in the Town of Enfield and athletic organizations listed on Schedule A using for purposes of fund raising.	Enfield Soccer Club, Ramblers, Enfield Little League Loaves and Fishes, etc.	No*	Yes
Non-profits operating in Town	American Red Cross	No*	Yes
All other entities, including, but not limited to, individuals, groups, associations, organizations and/or businesses.		Yes	Yes

^{*} Outdoor athletic facilities are subject to Rental Fees as set forth on the attached Schedule A.

H. Insurance and Liability

The Facility user assumes all responsibility and liability for any injury to persons, and for damage to and loss of school or Town property in connection with the use of the Facility. The user holds the Town and school employees and the Town Council and Board of Education harmless for any such losses or damages. Responsibility and indemnification are detailed in the rental agreement.

Users must provide a certificate of insurance with their application. The minimum limits of liability are as follows:

General Liability - \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 Aggregate

Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

Users having either volunteer workers or paid employees must provide Workers Compensation coverage, including Employers Liability Coverage in the amount of \$100,000/500,000/100,000.

Individual users are required to provide a copy of their homeowner's or apartment dweller's insurance policy declarations page. Minimum personal liability coverage of \$300,000 is required.

I. Appeal of Denial of Facility Use

Any applicant denied use of a Town-owned facility or whose use has been revoked, shall have the right to appeal such denial or revocation to the Facility Use Appeals Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of five members as follows: the Mayor shall appoint two (2) members of the Town Council; the Chair of the Board of Education shall appoint two (2) members of the Board of Education; the fifth member shall be the Town Manager. All appeals shall be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office.

J. Upon review of an application for use of a Facility, including its proposed duration, location and type of use, the application may be referred to and review by the Town Attorney to determine if the proposed use of the facility should be subject to a lease or other agreement which may be subject to approval by the Town Council.

281 282 SCHEDULE A 283 284 **Rental Fees for Outdoor Athletic Facilities** 285 Includes Baseball, Softball, Football and Soccer Fields 286 Artificial Turf Fields (not subject to Tournament Fees): 287 288 \$1000.00 for up to four (4) hours (mandatory minimum fee). Lights Included 289 \$250.00 per hour for every hour, or part thereof, after the first four (4) hours. Lights Included 290 291 \$75.00 per game (Tournament Fees listed below). Grass Fields: 292 \$400.00 per season for practices (maximum of two practices per week) 293 294 Spring Season is defined as May through July. 295 Fall Season is defined as August through October. 296 297 Lights at Grass Fields: \$25.00 per game (Tournament Fees listed below). 298 299 Tournaments: 300 Definition: A series of contests and/or games between 4 or more invited teams held over a one to 301 three-day period. 302 303 Tournaments must be approved by the Facilities Manager and/or his/her agent. The Town may 304 require that the sponsoring organization provide at its own expense services including, but not 305 necessarily limited to, police, security, trash removal and additional sanitary facilities as deemed 306 necessary. 307 308 Non-Exempt Organizations: \$1000.00 per day per field. 309 Exempt Athletic Organizations (listed below): \$500.00 per day per complex. 310 311 For an exempt athletic organization's tournament, a complex is one or more outdoor athletic fields 312 located on one property. 313 314 Lights for Tournaments: Included in Tournament Fee. 315 316 Athletic Organizations Exempt from the 317 **Rental Fees Listed Above** 318 319 **Enfield Little League** Enfield Girls' Softball Association Enfield Soccer Club 320 Enfield Men's Softball Greater Enfield Men's Softball League Allied Enfield Stars 321 Enfield Ramblers Football Enfield Women's Softball League Enfield Men's Over 30 Soccer 322 **Enfield Fireballs** American Legion Baseball – 15U, 17U and 19U 323 324 A team can file a written application to the Town Manager's Office for exemption status for a term of one 325 year, if the team meets the following criteria: 326 327 1. 90% of the players on the roster have Enfield residency, and 328 2. The organization provides proof of not-for-profit status. 329 The written applications will then be reviewed by the Public Works Subcommittee. Recommendations will 330 331 be brought before the Town Council for final decision. The list of exempt teams will be reviewed by the 332

Town Council in December of each year.

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Teams that are approved for exemption status will be eligible for a refund of field rental fees or a reduction of tournament fees, provided that the above-referenced application for exemption is filed with the Town Manager's Office no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days after the payment of such fees.

337 SECONDARY SCHOOLS (EHS, ENFIELD ANNEX AND JFK) 338 **AUDITORIUM** 339 \$300.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 340 \$75.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 341 342 **GYMNASIUM:** 343 \$200.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 344 \$50.00 Per Hour Each Additional Hour 345 346 BAND ROOM OR CHORUS ROOM: 347 \$100.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 348 \$25.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 349 350 CLASSROOM: 351 \$50.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 352 \$15.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 353 354 355 **ENFIELD ANNEX AND JFK POOLS:** 356 \$200.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 357 \$50.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 358 359 **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** CAFETERIA OR GYMNASIUM: 360 361 \$100.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 362 \$25.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 363 364 CLASSROOM: 365 \$50.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 366 \$15.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 367 368 **ASSOCIATED COSTS** 369 Field Monitor \$12.00 Per Hour 370 \$12.00 Per Hour Gym Monitor 371 **Buildings and Grounds Staff Member** \$40.00 Per Hour \$58.00 Per Hour 372 Uniformed Police Officer 373 Lifeguards (Three Minimum) \$50.00 Per Hour 374 Custodian \$40.00 Per Hour 375 376 Fees are computed on a daily rate basis. For example, the fee for a Friday and Saturday event running 377 under four hours each day in the Enfield Annex is \$600.00 (\$300 per day). The fee for a Friday and Saturday event running six hours each day in the Enfield Annex is \$900.00 (\$450.00 per day for the six 378 379 hours each day) plus any associated costs levied. 380 381 **TOWN HALL** 382 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS** 383 \$100.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 384 \$25.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 385 386 **ENFIELD ROOM** \$50.00 For A Four Hour Minimum 387 388 \$25.00 Per Hour for Each Additional Hour 389 390 391 THOMPSONVILLE ROOM 392 \$50.00 Per For A Four Hour Minimum

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